Cocoanut Cultivation.

57. *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have taken any steps for pressing upon the attention of the Imperial Government the necessity of immediate help being given to Travancore cocoanut cultivators ; and

(*b*) if so, what ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A strong recommendation that adequate protection should be given to the cocoanut industry in the State by the enhancement of the import duties and tariff values of cocoanuts, copra, cocoanut oil, coir yarn and coir fibre.

MR. T.K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*) : May I know whether the Government is aware that the recommendation has not been given effect to?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, it has not been given effect to.

Port at Manakudy.

58. *MR. S. TIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have considered the question of opening a port at Manakudy in the Agastisvaram taluk ;

(*b*) if so, when it is to be opened ; and

(*c*) the purpose for which it is intended to be opened ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Manakudy was declared a port in January 1934.

(*c*) For shipment of salt from the salt factories and for the landing and shipment of empty bags intended for or used in the transport of salt only.

Collection of top-ends and outer-slabs from Forest Timber.

59. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any arrangements are made by the Conservator of Forests for collecting and felling the top-ends and outer-slabs of timbers cut down in forests for firewood ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what has been the income out of it for 1109 and 1110 M. E. ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, why he has not done so ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) The cost of collecting top-ends and outer-slabs as fuel from the forests is so prohibitive that no one will care to collect them even if allowed on seigniorage rate or less.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : With regard to the answer to part (*a*), may I know from the Government whether any attempt was made by the Forest Department in collecting and felling the top-ends and outer-slabs of timbers cut down in forests for fire-wood ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Department did not make any attempt.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In view of the admission that the Department has not made any attempt so far in collecting and felling the top-ends and outer-slabs of timbers cut down in forests for fire-wood, may I know how the Government have come to the conclusion that no one will care to collect them even if allowed on seigniorage rate or less?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The cost of collection can be ascertained from the cost of collection of ordinary timber.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know when the cost of collection was ascertained?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There is no particular date on which it was ascertained. The department knows the cost of collection.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government the cost of collection that the department knows?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is not a definite question. The cost of collection depends on the timber and also the place from which it has to be collected.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware that, in excluding the collection of timber for fire-wood, the Forest Department loses a great revenue?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government are not of that opinion.

PRESIDENT: The questions on the agenda of yesterday will now be taken up.

English School at Vamanapuram.

60. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the people of Nedumangad taluk, when they presented addresses of welcome to the Dewans Mr. T. Austin and Sir Muhammad Habibullah, made a demand that an English Middle School be started at Vamanapuram;

(*b*) whether the Co-operative Society at Vamanapuram has purchased land for the purpose of starting an English School at Vamanapuram and applied for sanction to start the school by the beginning of the new school year; and

(*c*) whether the sanction has been accorded by the Director of Public Instruction?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) The information is not available.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government why sanction has not yet been accorded for the starting of an English Middle School at Vamanapuram?

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